

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

February 10, 2016

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery was called to order at 8:30 am by Chairman, James F. Unwin, DVM, in the Staybridge Room, Staybridge Suites, 2701 Fletcher Avenue, Lincoln, Nebraska. Board members present and answering roll call were:

James F. Unwin, DVM, Chair
Nanci Kyhn, VT, Vice Chair
Micah R. Kohles, DVM, Secretary
Paul D. Foy, DVM
Linda Heiden

A quorum being present, the meeting convened. Kathie Lueke, Program Manager, Kelli Dalrymple, Health Licensing Coordinator, Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General, Lisa Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, Teresa Hampton, Department Legal Counsel, Carla Cue, Investigator and Larry Wiehn, Investigator.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Kyhn moved, seconded by Foy, to adopt the Agenda.

Voting aye: Foy, Kyhn, Unwin, Heiden, Kohles. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Foy moved, seconded by Kyhn to approve the October 7, 2015, as written.

Voting aye: Foy, Kyhn, Unwin, Heiden, Kohles. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Kohles. Absent: None. Motion carried.

NEW ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery welcomed Mindy Lester, new Assistant Attorney General who will be working with the Board.

DESIGNATION OF METHOD BY WHICH THIS BODY WILL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS MEETINGS

Foy moved, seconded by Kohles, to continue to utilize the three current methods to give public notice of the Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery meetings. The current methods are to post the agenda on the Department public bulletin board, post to the Department website, and to e-mail the agenda to all interested parties. Voting aye: Unwin, Kyhn, Heiden, Foy, Kohles. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Kyhn moved, seconded by Kohles, to go into closed session at 8:31 a.m., for the purpose of review of investigational and disciplinary reports and other closed session items as identified on the agenda.

Voting aye: Unwin, Heiden, Foy, Kyhn, Kohles. Voting nay: none. Absent: None.

Kyhn moved, seconded by Kohles, to open the session at 10:44 a.m. Voting aye: Unwin, Heiden, Foy, Kyhn, Kohles. Voting nay: none. Absent: None

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS

Applications for Reinstatement of Licensure

MAROTZ, MALORI – application for reinstatement of a veterinarian license. Foy moved, seconded by Kyhn, to recommend reinstatement of the license after completion of required CE on a two year probationary period with alcohol and drug screening, no access to controlled substances within the first year and direct supervision of controlled substances for the second year along with any other standard probation terms and conditions.

Voting aye: Unwin, Heiden, Foy, Kyhn, Kohles. Voting nay: none. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Applications for Licensed Animal Therapists

SPEECE, BRETT – application for issuance of a License Animal Therapist - VOM. Foy moved, seconded by Kyhn, training approved and recommend issuance of license. Voting aye: Unwin, Heiden, Foy, Kyhn, Kohles. Voting nay: none. Absent: None. Motion carried.

MARTIN, RYAN – application for issuance of a License Animal Therapist - Chiropractor. Foy moved, seconded by Heiden, training approved and recommend issuance of license. Voting aye: Unwin, Heiden, Foy, Kyhn, Kohles. Voting nay: none. Absent: None. Motion carried.

NVMA WEBSTIE FOR COMMUNICATION

Dr. Unwin has been in contact with NVMA to utilize their website for board updates and to provide information to Veterinarian community. He will provide the website with the information.

PRACTICE QUESTION

Can an unlicensed tech/assistant read fecals? No. Anything to do with judgment needs to be performed by a license veterinarian or technician.

Can an unlicensed assistant give IV meds in a catheter already in place? No, unless emergency situation. Unlicensed techs or assistants are only allowed to administer crystalloid fluid therapy through an establish IV catheter under Direct Supervision.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

Dr. Foy gave an update on the prescription drug monitoring program. A proposed amendment to only report controlled substances that are dispensed has been adopted. A task force is being set up with Veterinarians to help determine how computer monitor will be set up.

NAC 172 CHAPTER 180 – DRAFT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Kathie gave an update to the Board on where the draft revisions to the regulations are in the review process, with the next step of review/approval by DHHS Legal. Members requested an additional opportunity to review the draft revisions in order to make any additional changes by the Board.

2016 LEGISLATION

LB908 – proposing a temporary license for vet techs. The Board recognizes the need for this type of legislation but is proposing that it work with Senators on revising language with regard to licensing regulations and standards.

AAVSB UPDATES

The Board reviewed information as FYI.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Kyhn moved, seconded by Foy, to nominate Unwin for the position of Chair, Kohles for position of Vice-Chair and Heiden for position of Secretary. Voting aye: Kohles, Unwin, Kyhn, Foy and Heiden. Abstain: Foy. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

SET DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Board was set for May 11, 2016 at 8:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Micah Kohles, Secretary
Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery